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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 12.

Identification of prior art discussed: Rainey & Simske.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed issues pertinent to the above-identified claims in view of the proposed amendment(see the attached copy of the amendment pp. 2-3). The Examiner has suggested to Mr. Brisnehan (applicants' attorney) to further amend independent claim 12 to include the "reconciling operation as a result of the analysis". Thus, the Examiner will withdraw the above references upon the filing of an Official amendment (of the proposed amendment) including the suggestion presented by the Examiner.

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**Example Proposed Claim Amendments For Discussion**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of analyzing electronic ink, comprising:
  - receiving, from a software application running on a first processing thread, a first document data object corresponding to a first state of for a document containing electronic ink content;
  - employing the first processing thread to provide the first document data object to an electronic ink analysis process for analyzing on a second processing thread;
  - ~~returning control of the first processing thread to the software application;~~
  - ~~receiving results of the analysis process from the second processing thread;~~
  - ~~after receiving results of the analysis process, receiving from the software application a second data object corresponding to a second state of the document; and~~
  - ~~reconciling the results of the analysis process with the second current document data object for the document.~~
  
12. (Currently Amended) One or more computer readable media storing computer-executable instructions which, when executed on a computer system, perform a method of analyzing electronic ink, the computer readable media An software operating environment for analyzing electronic ink, comprising:
  - a software application that maintains a document containing document data corresponding to including electronic ink data, the software application operating on a first processing thread;
  - an ink analysis process for analyzing electronic ink, the ink analysis process operating on a second processing thread; and
  - an ink analysis tool that
    - receives the document data corresponding to the containing electronic ink data from the software application,
    - provides the document data to the electronic ink analysis process to analyze,

receives results from the ink analysis process, and

returns the results from produced by the ink analysis process to the software application, wherein the first processing thread and second processing thread operate asynchronously such that the software application continues to operate while the ink analysis process analyzes the document data corresponding to the electronic ink data.

19. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the reconciling comprises determining based on the first data object and the second data object that the state of the document has changed during the analyzing by the electronic ink analysis process.

20. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the first processing thread and the second processing thread operate asynchronously such that the software application continues to operate while the electronic ink analysis process is analyzing the document.

21. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein reconciling comprises updating the second data object based on the results of the analysis process, and returning the updated second data object to the software application.

22. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein reconciling comprises updating the second data object to associate an electronic ink annotation with one or more non-ink document elements.